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TO OSCAR/UNIFORM TANGO ZEM ~~TOP SECRET UMBRA~~ TRINE SECTION FIVE 3/0/STY/R272-67
 NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY THE TENTATIVE THU DAU
 NOT PROVINCIAL UNIT COMPLETED A SIMILAR MOVE TO THE SAME AREA BETWEEN 27
 SEPTEMBER AND 26 OCTOBER (3/0/STY/R260-67) (~~SECRET SAVIN~~) 2 DRC COMMUNICATIONS
 DMZ AREA TACTICAL ACTIVITY OF PAVN UNITS IN THE DMZ AREA AS REFLECTED IN SIGINT
 HAS APPARENTLY SLACKENED DURING THE PAST WEEK ALTHOUGH ELEMENTS OF THE PAVN
 90TH REGIMENT HAVE REVEALED PREPARATIONS FOR ATTACKS ON ALLIED FORCES IN THE
 CON THIEN AREA 90TH REGIMENT EXTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY AND PREPARATIONS
 FOR OFFENSIVE ACTIONS IN THE CON THIEN AREA CONTINUED TO BE REFLECTED BY
 ELEMENTS OF THE 90TH REGIMENT THE POSSIBLE 8TH BATTALION HAS BEEN NOTED
 PERFORMING RECONNAISSANCE SOUTHWEST OF CON THIEN WHILE ELEMENTS OF THE POSSIBLE
 9TH BATTALION HAVE SIMILARLY ACTIVE SOUTHEAST OF CON THIEN MORTAR ELEMENTS OF
 THE 4TH COMPANY 7TH BATTALION HAVE BEEN NOTED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE POSSIBLE
 8TH BATTALION ON 11 NOVEMBER THE 9TH BATTALION REPORTEDLY ENGAGED AMERICAN
 FORCES EAST OF CON THIEN AND THE HQ 90TH REGIMENT CLAIMED THAT 50 AMERICANS
 WERE KILLED AND ONE HELICOPTER SHOT DOWN A POSSIBLE INDICATION OF THE 90TH
 REGIMENT'S PLAN OF OPERATIONS WAS NOTED IN AN 11 NOVEMBER MESSAGE FROM THE
 REGIMENT TO THE 8TH BATTALION WHICH REVEALED THE ENEMY HAS MANY WEAKNESSES WE
 MUST FORCE THEM TO PROTECT MANY PLACES AND NOT ALLOW THEM TO CONCENTRATE THEIR
 STRENGTH AT CON THIEN FURTHER INDICATIONS OF PREPARATIONS FOR OFFENSIVE
 ACTIVITY WERE NOTED ON 13 AND 14 NOVEMBER ON THE 13TH THE POSSIBLE 7TH
 BATTALION WAS QUERIED CONCERNING THE STATUS OF THE BATTLE PREPARATIONS AND ON
 14 NOVEMBER THE 7TH BATTALION WAS DIRECTED TO OBTAIN THE COORDINATES OF AN AREA
 SOUTH OF XUAN HOA (16-54N 106-58E YD 100702) DESIGNATED TARGET C FOR A POSSIBLE
 ARTILLERY ASSOCIATED UNIT 803RD REGIMENT TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVING THE
 803RD REGIMENT HAVE NOT BEEN OBSERVED SINCE 3 NOVEMBER AT WHICH TIME A

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REFERENCE TO THE COMPLETION OF A POSSIBLE BASE CAMP WAS NOTED THE ONLY INDICATION THAT 803RD REGIMENT ELEMENTS MAY BE TACTICALLY DEPLOYED IN THE DMZ AREA WAS ON 11 NOVEMBER MESSAGE FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED PAVN ELEMENT WHICH REPORTED THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED 2ND BATTALION WAS IN COMBAT THE UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT WAS FIRST NOTED ON 30 OCTOBER AND SINCE THAT DATE HAS BEEN OBSERVED OPERATING TO THE NORTHWEST OF CON THIEN 101D REGIMENT THE 101D REGIMENT HAS NOT BEEN OBSERVED IN TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SINCE 1 NOVEMBER HOWEVER REFERENCES TO THE SON LAM (COVER NAME ASSOCIATED WITH THE POSSIBLE 101D REGIMENT) COMMAND POST HAVE CONTINUED TO BE OBSERVED IN COMMUNICATIONS SERVING ELEMENTS OF THE 90TH REGIMENT DEPLOYED TO THE SOUTHWEST OF CON THIEN ANALYSIS OF LETTER BOX NUMBERS (LBN) INDICATES THAT ELEMENTS OF THE POSSIBLE 101D REGIMENT MAY HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE CON THIEN AREA SINCE 22 OCTOBER MESSAGES FROM PERSONNEL SERVED BY LBN'S WITHIN A REGIMENTAL-SIZED LBN BLOCK IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE WHICH POSSIBLY SERVES THE 101D REGIMENT HAVE MENTIONED RETURNING SAFELY FROM COMBAT UNIDENTIFIED 1ST ARTILLERY REGIMENT ELEMENTS OF THE POSSIBLE 2ND BATTALION OF AN UNIDENTIFIED 1ST REGIMENT REAPPEARED IN TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS ON 11 NOVEMBER THESE ELEMENTS WERE LAST OBSERVED ON 1 NOVEMBER AND APPARENTLY WERE MOVING NORTH FROM THE DMZ ON 11 NOVEMBER THE POSSIBLE 2ND BATTALION REPORTED THAT B52'S HAD STRUCK BUT THAT THE UNIT WAS SAFE AND WAS CONTINUING TO FIRE ON C-2 (NEAR CON THIEN) ON 13 NOVEMBER AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT REPORTED THAT THE ENEMY IS PLANNING TO USE THE AIR AND DIRECTED THAT THE ARTILLERY WAS TO BE USED PRESUMABLY TO COUNTER THE AIR ACTIVITY THE MESSAGE ALSO INDICATED THAT ALLIED LANDINGS WERE EXPECTED AND THE ARTILLERY WAS DIRECTED TO STRIKE THE ENEMY LANDINGS IN ADDITION REFERENCE WAS ALSO MADE TO DEPLOYING THE REGIMENT'S 12.7 MM MACHINE GUNS AND THE 85 MM GUNS NEAR EACH OTHER 27TH INDEPENDENT BATTALION 900 NNNN

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